

JAMES CRAWFORD  
MURDOCH  
SARAH ELIZABETH GILES  
MURDOCH



James Crawford Murdoch, son of John M. and Isabella Crawford Murdoch, was born February 11, 1869, in Heber City, Utah. His boyhood days were spent very much like those of other pioneer children—herding cows, gathering wood, going fishing, and swimming in the swimming holes near his home. As he grew older he played on the Heber City baseball team and also played a bass horn in the city band.

James was called to serve as a missionary in Wisconsin, and after completing his mission he returned and married Sarah E. Giles on November 27, 1901, in the Salt Lake Temple. To them were born eight children: Mrs. Ervin (Althora) Sackett, Mrs. Mont (Laraine) Giles; Merrol Murdoch, who married Mae Johnson; Mrs. William (Ruby) Jaspersen; James Ruelof Murdoch, who married Rhea Stewart; Bard Murdoch, who married Lois Simpson; Grant Murdoch; and Verd Murdoch, who married Margaret Barton.

After his marriage, James served on a second mission, to Arizona, and it was while he was on this mission that his first child was born. After returning from the mission field he was called to serve as a member of the Wasatch Stake High Council, which position he held 25 years. His occupation was that of a pioneer freighter in the Wasatch and Duchesne County areas. He also was a farmer and stock raiser and worked

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in the Park City mines. Early in his married life he was stricken with arthritis, from which he suffered greatly and eventually became an invalid.

At the time of death, August 14, 1959, James, or "Uncle Jim," as he was called, was Heber's oldest native resident. He was 90 years of age.

Sarah Elizabeth Giles Murdoch was born in Heber City, Utah, on December 4, 1878, to George M. and Mary Elizabeth Mayoh Giles. She spent her childhood days on the James Davis ranch, at what was then called Elkhorn, where her father moved his family when she was eight years of age. Later they returned to Heber and she attended the old Sleepy Hollow School.

Sarah's father hauled freight to Park City for the A. C. Hatch Company. In order to help supplement the family income, she would follow him, driving another team.

She always was an ardent Church worker until her health and age prevented her from serving. She taught in the Primary a number of years, was first counselor in the Stake MIA, was a Relief Society visiting teacher, and also served as assistant secretary in the ward Relief Society.

Besides taking care of her home and family, she was for a number of years a midwife, working with Dr. W. R. Wheritt and Dr. T. A. Dannenberg.

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WILLIAM AND MARION  
ROBERTSON NEIL

William Neil was born August 14, 1835,  
at Ballochne, New Monkland, Lanarkshire.

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Scotland, son of Robert and Rachel Clark Neil.

He married Mary Hamilton and they had two children, Robert and Margaret Neil. Both children died in Scotland. His wife, Mary Hamilton, also died in Scotland, on May 16, 1861.

He then married Marion Robertson on December 31, 1863. She was the daughter of John and Agnes Lawson Robertson and was born April 2, 1837, at Tollcross, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

To this marriage were born seven children: Agnes, who died as a child while the parents were crossing the plains; Rachel (Mrs. Adolph Session), who died when her first child was born; Marion R. (Mrs. George R. Carlile); Martha (Mrs. Charles D. Clegg); Jane (Mrs. Alfred L. Carlile) and William, who was a mining engineer.

John Alexander was a physician and surgeon in Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

William and Marion R. Neil joined the Church in Scotland and emigrated to Utah in 1866. They sailed on the "Harkwright," and after five weeks on the water landed in America. They, with other saints, traveled by ox team to Utah. One child, Agnes, died and another, Rachel, was born while they were making this journey.

They remained in Salt Lake City a few years. He helped to haul granite from the quarry in Little Cottonwood Canyon to build the Salt Lake Temple and often told of hauling the heavy loads of granite for 30 miles. They would drive the oxen-drawn wagon onto the 16-foot-wide walls to unload until the walls became too high to do so. Years later they attended the dedication.

They later came to Heber, where they prospered and were able to build a nice

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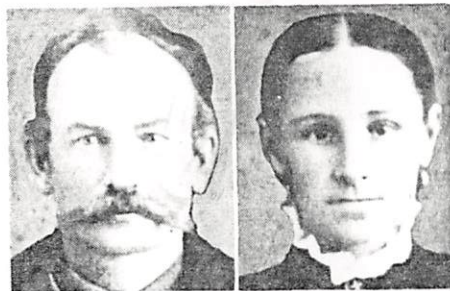
home, barn and other buildings. Their home was one of the first in the city to have a shingle roof.

Like the rest of the faithful pioneers, they worked hard and did their part in building and developing the valley.

She died August 8, 1896, at Heber, and he died June 11, 1903, at the home of a daughter, Marion Carlile, in Charleston. They are buried in Heber City Cemetery.

## JOHN OSBORN AND MARY JANE BETHERS OAKS

John O. Oaks was born in American Fork, Utah, on May 18, 1856, son of Hyrum and Sarah Ann Woods Oaks. While very young, his parents moved to Heber Valley, where he was one of the first white babies



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He married Mary Jane Bethers, oldest child of William S. and Phebe H. McMillan Bethers, on August 5, 1884, in Daniel, and later in the Salt Lake Temple. Mary Jane was born August 27, 1867, at Wanship, Summit County, Utah. While very young her parents moved to Heber, living in a one-room, dirt-roofed log house. When she was six years old her father took up a homestead along Daniel Creek and they moved their house from Heber in 1874 to the farm and lived there many years. She was the only help her parents had for years, assisting in clearing the land and cultivating the crops, so she learned to do hard work.

As a girl, she was very apt with a needle and thread and was a fine seamstress. Later in life she made beautiful burial shoes for the dead many years. She and her mother used to walk to Heber, carrying their butter and eggs to trade for groceries and cloth, which they carried home. On one of these trips she sewed on a shirt for one of her brothers.

She also was a very excellent cook. When one thinks of welfare they can very easily think of Mary Jane, for she was always prepared for the years ahead with clothing, bedding and food. Her cellar was always filled with a variety of good things to eat and she was always ready to help someone or to send food to anyone in need. The vegetable gardens she cared for were pictures to behold.

John and Mary Jane lived in Vernal several years of their early married life, where he worked with his father and brothers in a saw and shingle mill. Later they returned to Daniels. He worked with his father and father-in-law, William Bethers, surveying and helping build the Strawberry ditch to bring irrigation water to the Daniel farms. He also worked in the timber a great deal, cutting and hauling logs down the canyon. He always owned a good team of horses, taking great pride in having them well groomed and in good shape. He did much team work.

Both he and his wife worked in the Church, he as a counselor in Sunday School and in the YMMIA, and she as a counselor in the YWMIA, a teacher in Sunday School, Primary and Relief Society. She held a perfect record of 16 years of visiting teaching, walking several miles in visiting families in her district. John also drove groups of students to school in Heber by team and wagon or sleigh, according to weather.

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Henry grew up in a family of strong and devout Presbyterians. Clothing to wear on Sunday was always made ready for wear on Saturday. Wood cutting and carrying was a Saturday chore. No whistling was allowed on Sunday.

The family of nine boys and two girls, with the parents, lived on a large and prosperous farm and orchard, in a fine home. Here the children were trained in hon-

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He provided well for his family by his labors. He was the first man to have charge of the lakes at the head of the Provo River. In 1868 he had a contract on the new railroad with John Harvey. He freighted from Salt Lake to Heber. One time for a load of wood he got ten yards of bleach worth \$1 a yard.

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Though quiet and unassuming, Henry was active in community and Church affairs. He was a school trustee several terms, road supervisor a number of years. He was in the presidency of the Elders' Quorum. He remained true to the gospel and faithful to all its requirements.

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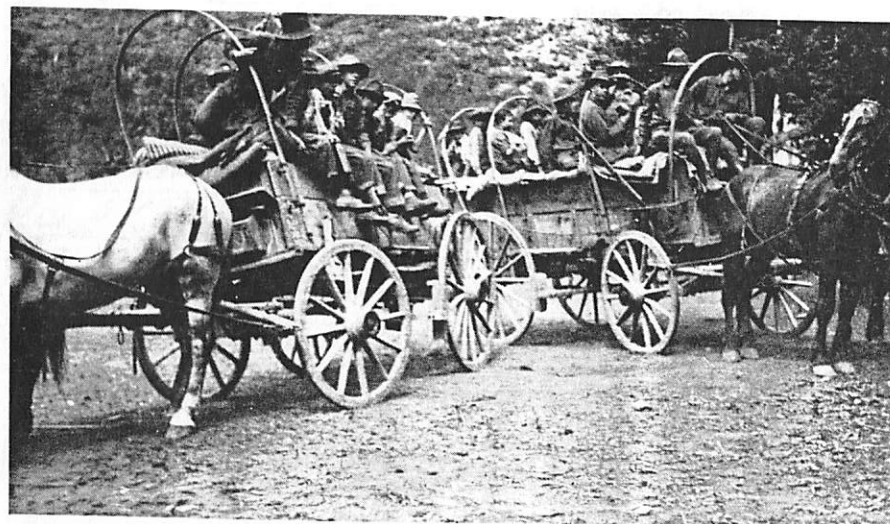
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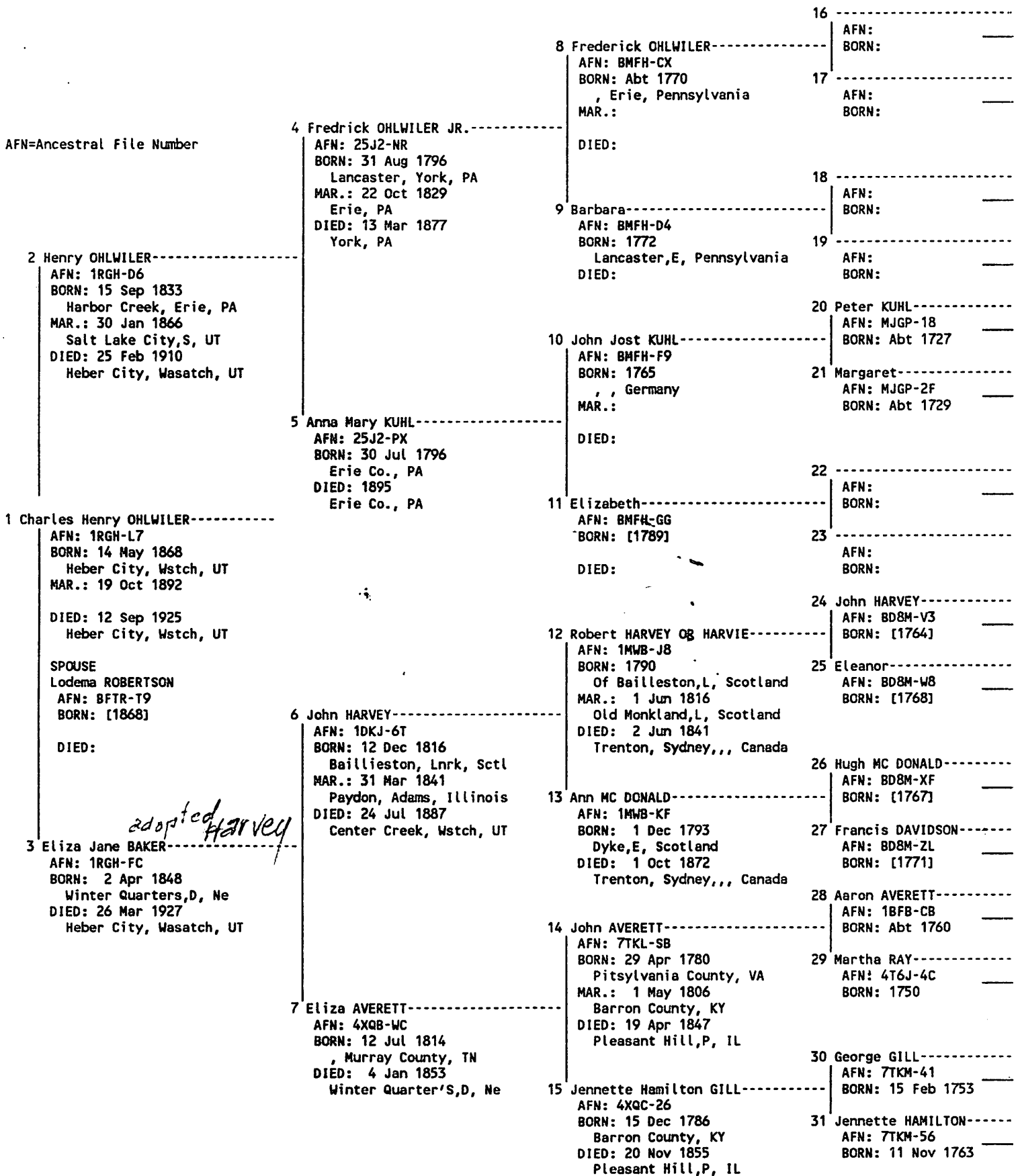
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HUSBAND: Henry OHLWILER (AFN:1RGH-D6)

BORN: 15 Sep 1833	PLACE: Harbor Creek, Erie, PA	LDS ORDINANCE DATA
CHR.:	PLACE:	B: 12 Jul 1864
DIED: 25 Feb 1910	PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT	E: 10 Jul 1871 EH
BUR.: 27 Feb 1910	PLACE:	SP: 7 Nov 1945
MAR.: 30 Jan 1866	PLACE: Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT	SS: 10 Jul 1871 EH
FATHER: Fredrick OHLWILER JR. (AFN:25J2-NR)		
MOTHER: Anna Mary KUHL (AFN:25J2-PX)		
OTHER WIVES:		

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WIFE: Eliza Jane BAKER (AFN:1RGH-FC)

BORN: 2 Apr 1848	PLACE: Winter Quarters, Douglas, Ne	
CHR.:	PLACE:	B: 27 Oct 1970
DIED: 26 Mar 1927	PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT	E: 10 Jul 1871 EH
BUR.: 28 Mar 1927	PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT	SP: 10 Jul 1871 EH
FATHER: John HARVEY (AFN:1DKJ-6T)		
MOTHER: Eliza AVERETT (AFN:4XQB-WC)		
OTHER HUSBANDS: Henry OHLWEILER (AFN:BFTR-QR) and 1 Others		

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## Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Margaret Elizabeth OHLWILER (AFN:1RGH-K2)		
BORN: 14 Oct 1866	PLACE: Heber, Wasatch, UT	B: 27 Aug 1876
CHR.:	PLACE:	E: 17 Oct 1888
DIED: 28 May 1952	PLACE: Parley's Canyon,, UT	SP: 4 Dec 1967 SL
BUR.: 3 Jun 1952	PLACE: Heber, Wasatch, UT	
SPOUSE: Attewall WOOTTON JR. (AFN:1S29-FC)		
MAR.: 17 Oct 1888	PLACE: Logan, Cache, UT	SS: 17 Oct 1888
2. NAME: Charles Henry OHLWILER (AFN:1RGH-L7)		
BORN: 14 May 1868	PLACE: Heber City, Wstch, UT	B: 27 Aug 1878
CHR.:	PLACE:	E: 20 Nov 1892
DIED: 12 Sep 1925	PLACE: Heber City, Wstch, UT	SP: 4 Dec 1967 SL
BUR.: 15 Sep 1925	PLACE:	
SPOUSE: Lodema ROBERTSON (AFN:BFTR-T9) and 1 Others		
MAR.: 19 Oct 1892	PLACE:	SS:
3. NAME: John Fredrick OHLWILER (AFN:1RGH-8H)		
BORN: 26 Sep 1871	PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT	B: 28MA 1881
CHR.: 4 Feb 1872	PLACE: Heber, Wstch, UT	E: 26 Jun 1895 SLT
DIED: 26 Jun 1950	PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT	SP: BIC
BUR.: 28 Jun 1950	PLACE:	
SPOUSE: Rhoda Elizabeth HICKEN (AFN:1RGH-9N)		
MAR.: 26 Jun 1895	PLACE: Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT	SS: 26 Jun 1895 SLT
4. NAME: Mary Adelia OHLWILER (AFN:36DG-4C)		
BORN: 30 Jan 1875	PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT	B: 2 Sep 1883
CHR.:	PLACE:	E: 4 Dec 1967 SL
DIED: 24 Mar 1962	PLACE:	SP: BIC
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BORN: 2 Apr 1848

## X CHILDREN (Continued)

## LDS ORDINANCE DATA

1. NAME: Eliza Jane (Janie) OHLWILER (AFN:1RGH-NK)

BORN: 11 Dec 1877 PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT

B: 25 Jul 1886

CHR.: PLACE:

E: 27/28 Jun 1900

DIED: 10 Sep 1906 PLACE:

SP: BIC

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE: Orson RYAN (AFN:BFTR-VG)

MAR.: 28 Jun 1900 PLACE:

SS:

NAME: Janie OHLWILER (AFN:1S2B-54)

BORN: 11 Dec 1877 PLACE: Heber, Wasatch, UT

B: 1886

CHR.: PLACE:

E: 28 Jun 1900

DIED: 9 Oct 1906 PLACE:

SP: BIC

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE: Orson RYAN (AFN:BG45-9X)

MAR.: 28 Jun 1900 PLACE:

SS:

NAME: Sarach Frances OHLWILER (AFN:36DG-5J)

BORN: 15 May 1880 PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT

B: 19 Aug 1888

CHR.: PLACE:

E: 26 Apr 1899

DIED: 5 Jan 1954 PLACE: Midway, Wasatch, UT

SP: BIC

BUR.: Jan 1954 PLACE: Midway, Wasatch, UT

SPOUSE: George Tranham WATKINS (AFN:7BDR-56)

MAR.: 5 Jan 1899 PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT

SS: 26 Apr 1899

NAME: Clarice May OHLWILER (AFN:MJGJ-J5)

BORN: [1881] PLACE:

B: 18 Aug 1896

CHR.: PLACE:

E: 18 Jun 1925

DIED: PLACE:

SP: BIC

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MAR.: PLACE:

SS:

NAME: Anna Verona OHLWILER (AFN:1RGH-QW)

BORN: 18 Feb 1884 PLACE: Heber City, Wasatch, UT

B: 15 Aug 1892

CHR.: PLACE:

E: 16 Jul 1919

DIED: 15 Mar 1961 PLACE:

SP: BIC

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE: Walter RICHARDSON (AFN:BFTR-WM) and 1 Others

MAR.: 26 Oct 1904 PLACE:

SS:

NAME: Clarice Mae OHLWILER (AFN:7TON-7W)

BORN: 3 Nov 1887 PLACE: Heber, Wstch, UT

B: 18 Aug 1896

CHR.: PLACE:

E: 18 Jun 1925

DIED: 15 Apr 1969 PLACE: Salt Lake City, S-Lk, UT

SP: BIC

BUR.: 19 Apr 1969 PLACE: Centerville, Davis, UT

SPOUSE: Charles HAUETER (AFN:5W7N-VO)

MAR.: 7 Oct 1908 PLACE: Heber, Wstch, UT

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THOMAS J. ORGILL AND  
MARY E. NELSON ORGILL

Thomas Jackson Orgill was born August 22, 1878, in Juab County, Utah, the oldest son of Mark and Rachel Orgill. When he was eight years old the family moved to Daniel in Wasatch County, where he lived the rest of his life.

On June 12, 1912, he married Mary Emily Nelson, daughter of Wilford and Matilda Nelson, also of Daniel. He was born March 31, 1890. They had no children of their own, but adopted two, Stella and Otto, whom they reared to adulthood. Many children of other people stayed at their home.



For many years Thomas drove the milk route from all the small communities around to the creamery in town. He was an expert horseman and was proud that he always had one of the finest pulling teams in the valley. He worked as a miller, farmer and watermaster, and in later years took care of the Wolf Creek road. He worked in the Sunday School and was a High Priest. He died January 12, 1938, when he was 59 years old.

He was known as a kind, friendly, fun-loving person. He was a marvelous storyteller, and because he could mimic anyone, people never tired of his funny stories.

Mary is known for her delicious cooking, beautiful flowers, her great devotion to God, and work in Relief Society, where she has served as teacher, class leader, magazine representative, secretary, and twice as president.

After her husband's death she supported herself by working on the school lunch until she was retired at 65. Now, at 73, although her health is poor, she still works to support herself and to raise her beautiful flowers, and to bring happiness to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

*Thomas<sup>Jackson</sup> Orgill & First  
Wagon Load of Milk to  
Heber from Daniel, Wasatch, U.*



JOSEPH KELLOGG PARCELL  
AND ROSAMOND EMILY  
NUTTALL



Joseph Kellogg Parcell was born at Provo, Utah, on December 17, 1854, son of John C. and Mary Kellogg Parcell. On May 18, 1882, he married Rosamond Emily Nuttall. She was born March 7, 1865, daughter of William E. Nuttall and Rosamond Watson. Joseph died January 28, 1911, at Orem, and Rosamond died June 1, 1940, at Orem.

They lived in Provo and in Schofield, Utah, eight years. When they came back to Provo, Joseph found a job as stage

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coach driver and mail carrier from Wallsburg to Park City. They moved to Wallsburg with their five children in 1895. Their youngest daughter, Deseret, born the day Utah became a state, on January 4, 1896, was born in Wallsburg, in the home across from the store which still stands.

Joseph was an active Church worker and made the trip to and from Park City every day except Sunday.

Their children were: Mary Rosamond, Laura Elizabeth, Joseph Curtis, Nellie, Aurora, William E. and Deseret.

Laura's son, Russell Giles, is employed at the Heber Power & Light Co. office in Heber.

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HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES			

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WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_ EPHRAIM AND NANCY

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Ephraim Smith was born in September, 1833, in Tennessee, son of Richard and Diana Bragtal.

He married Nancy Elizabeth Bethers on September 28, 1852, and they were parents of 12 children.

Ephraim died on December 28, 1898.

Nancy died on September 4, 1931.

She was a daughter of Zadock S. and Sarah Collins Bethers. She moved to Council Bluffs and was there six years before leaving for Utah in the fall of 1852 with her parents in the Joseph Cuthouse company.

Sarah Collins Bethers, the mother, was a weaver, so she brought her spinning wheel and looms, also wool, yarn and thread. Sarah and her daughters Mary Jane and

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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York were married on her (Nancy's) wedding day, at Provo, by James E. Snow.		ABOVE TO HUSBAND	
Ephraim's parents crossed the plains to Utah in 1850. His mother walked the entire distance, because she was afraid of buffalo stampeding through the wagon trains.		RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE	
In 1860, Ephraim and Nancy, with their family, moved to Heber City, where they built a log cabin and later a large cabin used as a fort to protect women and children.		TION SHEETS FOR FILING ONLY	
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cattle and horses and then brought them back, demanding money for them. They stole and returned one of Ephraim's horses five times. The last time he refused to give them money.

This condition finally became intolerable, so the matter was taken up with Brigham Young by Ephraim Smith, who stated that

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it was absolutely necessary that something		
be done to stop this depredation. A meet-		
ing between the whites and Indians was		
called. <u>Chief Tabby</u> and some of his braves		
came in and camped at <u>Ephraim's place</u> .		
Nancy and other women cooked for them.		
At the meeting the Indians were told that		
if they did not stop stealing, the settlers		
would have to call out the soldiers and the		
Indians would be killed. The Indians agreed		
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This condition finally became intolerable, so the matter was taken up with Brigham Young by Ephraim Smith, who stated that it was absolutely necessary that something be done to stop this depredation. A meeting between the whites and Indians was called. Chief Tabby and some of his braves came in and camped at Ephraim's place. Nancy and other women cooked for them.

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He married Nancy Elizabeth Bethers on September 28, 1852, and they were parents of 12 children.

Ephraim died on December 28, 1898.

Nancy died on September 4, 1931

She was a daughter of Zadock S. and Sarah Collins Bethers. She moved to Council Bluffs and was there six years before leaving for Utah in the fall of 1852 with her parents in the Joseph Cuthouse company.

Sarah Collins Bethers, the mother, was a weaver, so she brought her spinning wheel and looms, also wool, yarn and thread. Sarah and her daughters, Mary Jane and Nancy Elizabeth, carded the wool, spun thread and wove cloth from which clothing for all the family was made. Pioneers around St. George planted cotton and flax from seed they brought with them, and they sent some of these products to the weavers in Heber to be used in weaving cloth.

Nancy's sister, Mary Jane, and Asa B.

JOHN JAMES AND MARGARET  
ELIZA ROBINS HENRY SMITH

John James Smith was born August 7, 1839, at Nauvoo, Illinois, son of Jackson Osbourne and Mary Marie Owens Smith. He married Margaret Eliza Robins Henry. She was born October 30, 1844, daughter of John and Eliza Humphreys Robins of Preese, Shropshire, England. John died September 15, 1915, and Eliza on December 16, 1926.

Her father was born on March 2, 1814, and died March 7, 1887. Her mother was born March 2, 1814, at Shropshire, England.

Margaret Eliza Robins was married to Alfred Platte Blake Henry. They had two sons, Alfred, who was born in March, 1864, and died at birth, and John James Henry, born September 2, 1865, both at Heber. John James never married, but lived with his mother as long as she lived, working at various jobs to take care of his mother. Not many years before his death, February 20, 1903, he built a new little frame home to replace the log cabin they lived in.

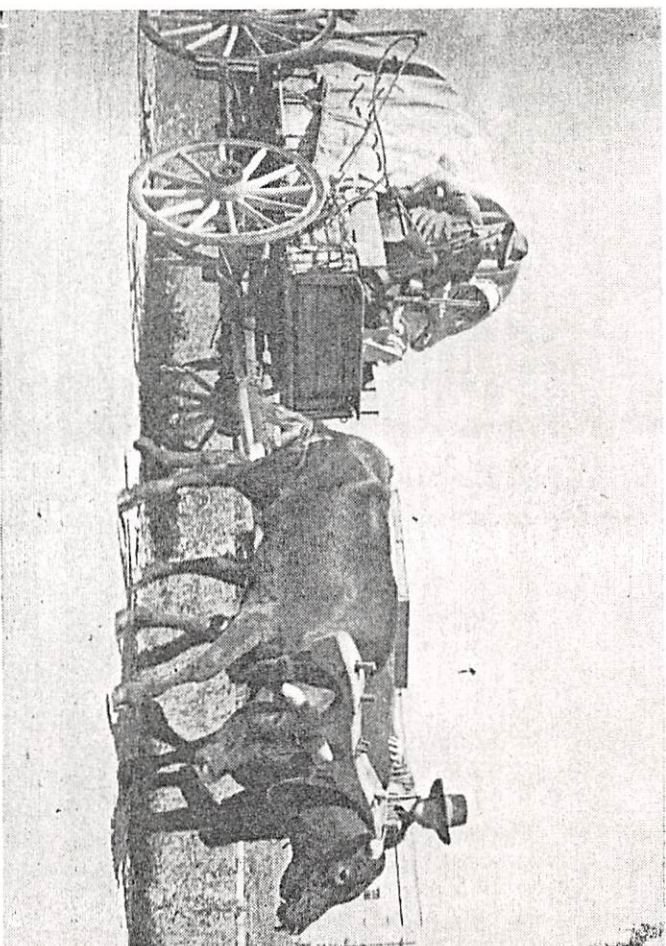
Eliza cooked for gangs of men who were building the railroad into Utah. During her early days on Daniel Creek she picked hops from vines along the creek to sell to a fellow in Heber who used them. She often told how she had to borrow hot coals from neighbors to start fires at times. She was a very pretty young woman and was chosen as the Goddess of Liberty for a Fourth of July celebration in Heber in the early days. She was a very fine quilt maker. As she grew older her eyes were covered with cataracts, so she was blind.

He freighted across the plains in his early life. It was said teamsters would marvel how well he could handle his teams. He used the bull whip as others did, but could "crack" it without touching his animals. They would reach journey's end in very good shape and make good time.

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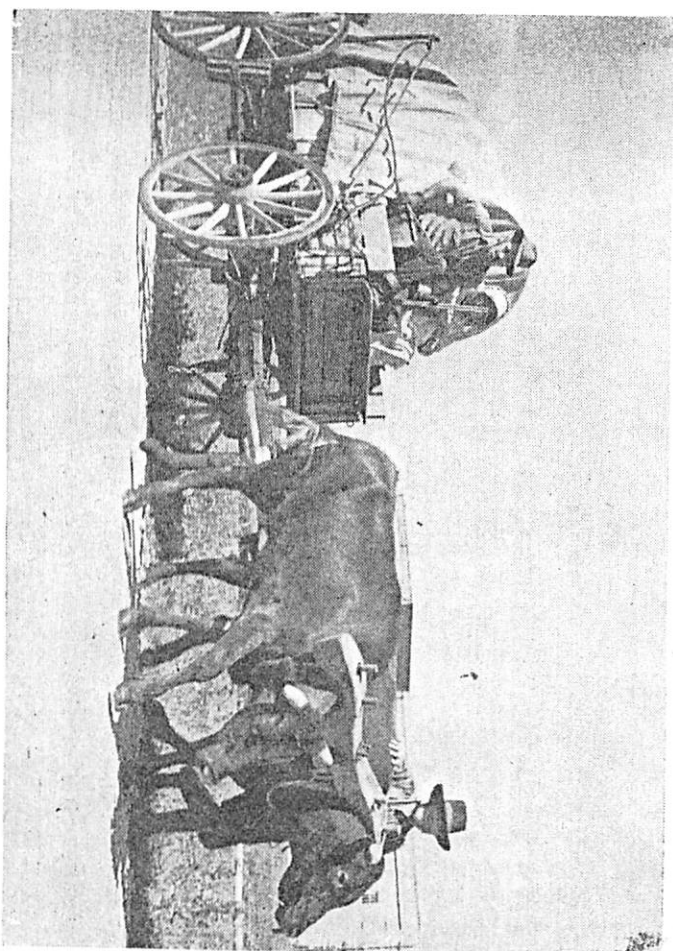
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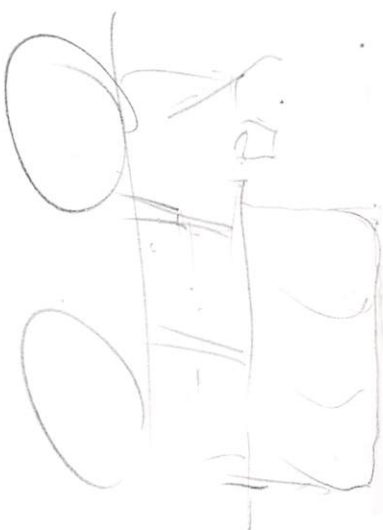


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He hauled freight for the Strawberry Dam while it was being constructed, and a four-horse team was required to pull the loads through the valley.

He raised sugar beets, which required hard labor. One time, while unloading at the Wallsborg Depot, the wagon tipped and threw him to the ground, breaking his leg. Another time, when mowing, his team ran away, and he broke several ribs. He nearly lost his life from a ruptured appendix. His wife suffered with arthritis and became almost totally crippled before she passed away, at 47 years of age.

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John loved music and was a member of the martial band which George Dabbling conducted. He played a bass horn.

His sons, Elmer and Amasa, were in the army during World War I. Amasa served in France.

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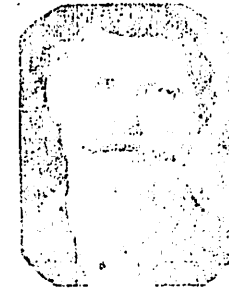
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# THOMAS S. WATSON.

This historical and biographical number would not be complete were we to close without saying something of Judge Watson, who for nearly forty years was a conspicuous figure in the public and social affairs of this county. He was born in the parish of Rathfriland, Fife-shire, Scotland, September 21, 1814. On March 30, 1863, he married Miss Elizabeth Honeyman, by whom he was the father of twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter, four of whom are now living: Thomas H., Wm. D., and David C. Watson of Park City, and Henry F. Watson of Charlston, this county. Mr. Watson with his family left Scotland some time in the 40's and came to Hober in 1869. He soon began to gather material around him for a comfortable home. He was young and strong and willing to work, in the field, the quarry, or wherever he could find employment. In those days in this valley all were laborers, few were employers, but "where there's a



will there's a way," and Mr. Watson had the "will" and found the "way." May 28, 1888, his wife was gored by a bull and was found dead in the corral. Fourteen months later he married Jennie Powells, by whom he had two children—Lindsay E. and Lillian. In 1881 Mr. Watson was elected Probate Judge of this county, which position he held for ten years. He has held many offices of trust and honor in this county, was messenger in the constitutional convention, and in 1896 was elected county clerk and recorder which position he held at the time of his death, August 16, 1903.

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## JAMES B. WILSON AND MARGARET POWELL WILSON

James B. Wilson, son of James Thomas Wilson and Isabella Ross Wilson, was born

## MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES



August 22, 1856, Carson City, Nevada. Married Margaret Powell September 29, 1881, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. She died and he married Hannah Lundin November 24, 1915. He died January 20, 1949, Midway.

Margaret Powell Wilson, daughter of Reese Powell and Margaret Morgan Powell, was born September 2, 1858, Llansawel, Carnarthenshire, South Wales. She died July 30, 1913, Midway.

Hannah Lundin, daughter of Andrus Gustof Lundin and Johanna Anderson Lundin, was born October 21, 1878, Dormosyo, Gränsberg, Sweden. She died December 21, 1959.

James B. Wilson, who pioneered in Wasatch County as a farmer, livestock man and community worker, came of Scotch-Irish stock. His great, great paternal grandfather was born in Scotland, but later moved to Ireland where James Thomas Wilson, father of James B., was born and reared. Isabella Ross, Mr. Wilson's mother, came of Scotch ancestry. Both families became converts to the restored gospel and emigrated to "Zion." James Thomas arrived in Utah with a pioneer company on September 3, 1852, and the Ross family reached Salt Lake City in September, 1854.

James T. Wilson and Isabella Ross were married November 16, 1855, and in the spring of 1856 were called to the Carson Valley Mission and settled in Carson City, Nevada, then still a part of the Utah Territory. In a rugged, primitive environment, in dire poverty, James B. Wilson, first child of this young couple, was born.

As a result of the approach of Johnson's army in 1857, the Carson Valley colonists were called back to Salt Lake City. Then began a series of severe experiences for survival. The Wilson family moved to San Pete County where the father gathered saleratus and old grease from which he made

soap. He peddled this product and home knit underwear to eke out an existence. In 1859, the family moved to Cache Valley, but returned to Salt Lake City in 1860. There on June 29, 1865, Isabella Ross, the twenty-nine year old mother died, leaving five children.

All was not on the dreary side in this period, however. In his early teens James B. heard Martin Harris, one of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon, bear his testimony to the divinity of that book. He also often heard the ringing exhortations of President Brigham Young and other church leaders. From these experiences coupled with his home training, he developed a faith that constantly grew throughout his long life. His formal schooling was meager, being completed with his "graduation" from the University of Utah after a few months of study in the winter of 1875-76. However, through constant self-improvement he became a truly educated man.

In early manhood Mr. Wilson taught school in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County. At eighteen years of age he hauled timber, salt, and ore by ox team at \$6.00 per ton. It took a week for the trip from Salt Lake to Park City and return.

In 1875 Mr. Wilson became interested in cutting and hauling timber to the Alta mines. With his brother, Thomas R., he began timber operations in 1876. He pursued this work for several years and the timber cut in the "White Pines" was hauled by ox team to the Park City mines.

James B. Wilson's first visit to Midway dates back to 1872-73 when during a short sojourn there as a youth, he became interested in the farm he later homesteaded.

On September 29, 1881, Mr. Wilson married Margaret Powell, a cultured young Welsh immigrant, who came to Utah with her parents in 1873.

In November, 1884, the Wilson family took up permanent residence in Midway. Mr. Wilson homesteaded the tract of land upon which he set his heart in his youth. In 1885, the young homesteader "broke up" twenty acres of virgin soil with a hand plow drawn by oxen. This arduous toil continued year after year until the entire 160 acres were under cultivation. Beginning in 1885, Mr. Wilson and Fredrick Remund, a neighboring homesteader, built the Pine Ditch which had its source about one mile

up Pine Creek and extended around the side hills to the new farm.

From his homestead beginnings, Mr. Wilson and his sons branched out into an expanding farm and livestock program. The firm of James B. Wilson and Sons became one of the West's leading land and livestock operations. In the 1920's their bands of sheep numbered many thousands, their cattle hundreds of head and their land holdings consisted of thousands of acres and stretched for miles across the northern part of the Provo Valley.

James B. Wilson had a distinguished public career. Beginning in 1885, he served two terms as Justice of the Peace. He assisted in the organization of the Midway Irrigation Company. He helped organize and was president of the Midway Land and Livestock Company. In 1900 he was elected to the Midway town board and for fourteen years served as its president. When the town funds were insufficient to hire a marshal, Mr. Wilson filled that position without pay. During his administration as board president the first telephone service was brought to Midway. This was made possible through the citizens of Midway digging the holes and providing and setting the poles. As Midway town president, he with other community leaders, directed a successful campaign for the establishment of a municipal power plant. He also took the initiative in securing a spring from which water was conveyed to a sprinkling system in the Midway cemetery.

An active Republican in politics, he had a long career as a state legislator. Between 1903 and 1931, he served in eight legislative sessions over a period of sixteen years. While serving as a lawmaker, he was a leader in the move to build a new state capitol. At that time the state used part of the City and County building in Salt Lake City. He sponsored and guided the bill which made possible the development of Memorial Hill in Midway and helped to get certain Wasatch County roads into the state system.

Mr. Wilson was a loyal member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He became a charter member of the MIA while residing in the Salt Lake 12th Ward. For many years he acted as a ward teacher in Midway under Bishops David Van Waggoner and John Watkins. He served for thirteen years (1904-1917) as a counselor

to Bishop Jacob Probst of the Midway Second Ward and twenty years (1917-1937) on the Wasatch Stake High Council. In 1925 and 1926, and again in 1927-28, he filled short term missions to the Northwest. He crowned his church work with seven years of labor as an ordained worker in the Salt Lake Temple. This service terminated in 1944 when he was 88 years old.

As a family man, Mr. Wilson sought to inculcate into the lives of his children an appreciation of life's fundamental values. While outwardly somewhat stern, this man had a deep, tender affection for his wife and family. This was evidenced by his devotion to her during her long illness in 1912-13, culminating in her death July 30, 1913.

Margaret Powell Wilson was a native of Wales and began life in a beautiful old home that had been occupied by the mother's family for generations. Margaret's parents were devout Christians, the father serving as chorister for the Baptist church.

However, shortly after the marriage of Margaret Morgan and Reese Powell in 1848, a new influence came into their lives. Elders of the Mormon church converted them to the Latter-day Saint faith. Their three children, Elizabeth, David and Margaret, were baptized as they reached the customary age. The nearest branch of the church was fifteen miles from the Powell home and the family frequently walked both ways to attend services. Margaret's mother was unswerving in her loyalty to the new faith and was eager to join the body of the church in Utah. Elizabeth came to America in 1872 and in August, 1873, the parents with David and Margaret, arrived in Salt Lake City.

The new home in "Zion" was a two-room adobe house built and paid for by Margaret's brother, David. The family were members of the Salt Lake Fifteenth ward in which many Welsh converts, former friends of the Powells, lived. At the age of eighteen, Margaret joined the Relief Society organization.

Margaret's mother never enjoyed robust health. Not long after arriving in Salt Lake, she contracted a severe cold from which she never fully recovered. For several years, she was an invalid. Margaret was her nurse and constant companion until her mother's death on July 8, 1880.

It was sometime prior to this that Mar-

garet met her future husband, James B. Wilson.

On September 29, 1881, James B. Wilson and Margaret Powell were married in the old Endowment House by Joseph F. Smith. However, Margaret's tender ministrations for her parents were not yet complete, for her father lived with the newly wed couple until his death February 11, 1882.

James B. and Margaret Wilson established their first home in Salt Lake City, but this they vacated and gave to Mr. Wilson's father when he returned homeless from a pioneering experience in Mesa, Arizona. Although unaccustomed to anything but urban life, Mrs. Wilson with her husband moved to a lonely homestead in Midway in 1884.

In the spring of 1891, the Wilson farm home and furnishings were destroyed by fire. A home in the town of Midway was then established. Mrs. Wilson was a woman of unusually good judgment not only in business affairs, but also on the problems of life. For years she conducted a neighborhood store in part of her two room home. The income from this store, supplemented by the proceeds from farm products, provided a large portion of the family support until the farming and livestock operations of her husband and sons were well established. She was an active Relief Society worker and served on the Old Folks Committee in Midway. Her life was dedicated to quiet service for her family, her neighbors, the sick and the poor. Mr. Wilson married Hannah Lundin November 24, 1915. She was a well educated woman. She was an efficient, capable stenographer when she met and married Mr. Wilson. She was an active worker in the Church and was devoted to her husband to the end.

She and Mr. Wilson reared two children after their marriage, Eugene Orgill, a nephew of Mrs. Wilson and Barbara whom they adopted.

Children of James B. and Margaret Powell Wilson were:

James Brigham, Jr., married Lota Huffaker;  
Mrs. William G. (Edna) Young;  
David J., married Mary Jacobs;  
Mrs. Wayne B. (Belle) Hales;  
R. Arthur, married Eva Huber;  
Mrs. Grant Y. (Edith) Anderson.

## FRANKLIN L. AND MAUDE WADDELL WITT

Franklin Leo Witt, son of John Wesley and Lavina Bigelow Witt, was born February 15, 1872, in Heber, in the old Witt home at 319 North Second West. He was the first born in polygamy in this family. He was baptized September 4, 1880, by William Foreman and confirmed the same day by William Foreman at Heber. He was ordained a Deacon and educated in Heber City School. He was a very delicate child, his mother doubting if she would ever raise him. But after he was 14, he began to grow, worked on the farm with his father and brothers, and helped milk the cows. When he was 15, his brother Alphonso died and Franklin went out to herd cattle. His older brother, Maser, came home for the funeral. From then on he was with the cattle most of the time through the spring and summer until he was 24 years old.

Frank had many serious accidents which caused scars. A cut on his top lip left a deep scar. His mother said his life was spared many times. He lived with his sister, Susa Giles, helping his brother-in-law, Heber Giles, with the chores and going with him to Park City every week while he sold meat and farm produce. He was paid 50 cents a week, out of which he saved enough to buy cloth to make a suit for himself and two brothers. Frank lived with Susa two years after Heber died from a sudden heart attack. He helped Susa with the work until her son Lafayette was old enough to help her.

Franklin Leo Witt married Maude A. Waddell on June 2, 1898, at Heber. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Thomas Hicken at the John Witt home. A reception and dinner was held after the marriage. Maud and Frank lived with the John Witt family two years, until their home at 197 North Sixth West was built.

Frank was ordained an Elder by Elder James Heber Moulton on March 1, 1915, and on March 1, 1916, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple by George Albert Smith, and their four children at that time were sealed to them.

Frank was a ward teacher many years, counselor in the YMMIA, and one of the ward Genealogical Committee. He was ordained a High Priest on April 15, 1928, at Heber City, by H. Clay Cummings. He was a member of Heber Second Ward and in the Fifth Ward after the ward was divided. He was president of the Spring Creek Canal Water Co. many years. He continued to work on the farm and, with his cattle, worked several years on the light and power line with Bill Horner, Linn Crook and Ren Wootton. He was active until he was 55 years old, when he had an accident and fell from a horse, breaking three ribs and hurting his shoulder and head. He took care of small jobs around the home and drove his car even the last day of his life. He went to bed the night of his stroke, February 22, 1957, and never regained consciousness, passing away in Heber Hospital.

Services were held February 26, 1957, in the Stake Tabernacle. Burial was in Heber Cemetery. He was a life-long resident of Heber. He celebrated his fiftieth and fifty-fifth wedding anniversary and lived to a good age of 85. He was the father of six children, three sons and three daughters: Viva W. Kingston, Wilma W. Bunler, Wayne A. Witt, Leo Lamerle Witt, and Orva W. McDonald.

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